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ABSTRACT

Education is an investment in human potential which effects economic prosperity. The high rate of failure for students in public elementary schools from eight large school districts in Louisiana is alarming. Averaged over the school years 1983-1984 to 1985-1986, the percentage of failures in grades 1 through 8 ranges from 6.65% to 17.6%. The state average is 11.69%. The largest category of students at risk for failure were blacks, especially black males. The potential adverse effects on the economic development of the area is assessed with a new model proposed in this report. It includes 10 demographic categories of school failure. For each category the districts receive a rank. The sum of these ranks gives the magnitude of economic adversity for the district. The analysis shows a preponderance of failures in the metropolitan area of New Orleans, indicating the potential for a serious drag on its economic development. Fourteen tables, an appendix, and an addendum display the statistical data generated in this study. (VM)

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INTRODUCTION

A new comparative analysis of the non-promotion of regular students enrolled in grades 1-8 of the eight major public school districts of Louisiana, heretofore unavailable for evaluating the success of elementary schooling, provides the following number and percent of student failures, averaged over the past three school years of 1983-1984 to 1985-1986:

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8*	STUDENT FAILURES	PERCENT FAILURE
Caddo	29,384	1,954	6.65
Calcasieu	21,078	1,765	8.37
East Baton Rouge	35,308	3,296	9.33
Jefferson	33,871	5,992	17.69
Lafayette	17,093	1,928	11.28
Orleans	51,558	8,694	16.85
Rapides	14,369	1,544	10.75
St. Tammany	16,316	1,899	11.64
State	490,241	57,325	11.69

Elementary student failure in Jefferson and Orleans exceeds the statewide average. St. Tammany falls an eyelash below.

Collectively the eight major public school districts above represent 44.7% of all students enrolled statewide in grades 1-8, and 47.2% of all students not promoted.

All student enrollment and non-promotion data were obtained from the Bureau of Research of the Louisiana State Department of Education. Four years ago, the Department of Education began collecting information on non-promotions under the aegis of the Annual Statistical Report of Education, conducted in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 17:22. The yearly information, tabulated in Item 19 of the document, was analyzed by this study.

* See Appendix for "Breakdown of Enrollment by Gender and Ethnicity for Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages."

BACKGROUND

Education, more than any other function of government, is today's fulcrum for economic prosperity. It is more than just a government service: it is an investment in human potential.

In evaluating the full benefit of expanding a business or starting a new one, chief executives still give due consideration to such traditional factors as the availability of raw materials, transportation, cost of labor and new tax advantages. However, greater emphasis is being placed now, more than ever, on the quality of public education in and around the location of the business site. Such emphasis is exhaustive and rigorous. Highly prized and favorably weighted is a full spectrum of education opportunities from pre-kindergarten to post-doctoral to meet the needs of all employees. However, of undeniable importance, the pivotal step of the corporate decision making process is now the effectiveness of elementary and secondary education available in the community, parish and state under consideration.

Nationwide, chief executives often consider Louisiana for reinvesting the resources of their companies. But, as research and analysis appear to be moving favorably for expansion or a new venture, the quality of public elementary and secondary schooling soon becomes a paramount stumbling block. Sometimes it is all but insurmountable for local and state officials. Heretofore, no convenient barometer has been available to forewarn.

A measure of the adverseness that public elementary student failure has on the economic potential of eight of the nine largest parishes* of Louisiana, and correspondingly, their communities, is presented in this study. The findings are quite alarming for Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany Public School Districts -- and their adverse impact on the economic development potential of their respective home parishes and Metro New Orleans.

* Not included is Ouachita Parish, which is served by the Ouachita Public School District and City of Monroe Public Schools, ranked 12th and 20th, respectively in enrollment.

FINDING OF STUDY

A comparative analysis of the non-promotion of students in grades 1-8 of the eight major public school districts of Louisiana, heretofore unavailable, reveals the following findings, averaged over the school years of 1983-1984 to 1985-1986:

(1) Orleans and Jefferson are highest in the number of students at 8,694 and 5,992, respectively, who were not promoted in grades 1-8, whereas Rapides with 1,544 and Calcasieu with 1,765 are the lowest.

(2) Jefferson and Orleans are highest in the percent of students at 17.69% and 16.85%, respectively, who failed grades 1-8, whereas Caddo at 6.65% and Calcasieu at 8.37% are the lowest.

See Table I for "Comparison of Non-Promotions vs. Enrollment for Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages" and Table II for "Ranking of School Districts by Non-Promotions and Enrollment for Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages."

(3) Orleans and Caddo are highest in the number of students at 1,673 and 922, respectively, who were not promoted from the first grade, whereas Rapides with 373 and Lafayette with 437 are the lowest.

(4) St. Tammany and Orleans are highest in the percent of students at 21.31% and 20.30%, respectively, who failed first grade, whereas East Baton Rouge at 15.86% and Calcasieu at 15.87% are nearly tied as the lowest.

See Table III for "Comparison of Non-Promotions vs. Enrollment for First Grade Using Three-Year Averages" and Table IV for "Ranking of School Districts by Non-Promotions and Enrollment for First Grade Using Three-Year Averages."

As noted in Table II, Jefferson, ranked third in enrollment size, is the leader in the percent of students who failed grades 1-8. Similarly, as noted in companion Table IV, St. Tammany, ranked seventh in enrollment size, is the leader in the percent of students who failed first grade.

FINDINGS - Continued

(5) Jefferson and Orleans, followed by St. Tammany, are highest in the failure rates for males at 21.16% and 20.83%, respectively, enrolled in grades 1-8, whereas Caddo at 8.10% and Calcasieu at 10.38% are the lowest.

(6) Jefferson and Orleans, followed by St. Tammany, are highest in the failure rates for females at 14.10% and 12.73%, respectively, enrolled in grades 1-8, whereas Caddo at 5.17% and Calcasieu at 6.18% are the lowest.

See Table V-A for "Failure Rates of Male Students by Ethnicity in Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages" and Table V-B for "Failure Rates of Female Students by Ethnicity in Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages." Also see Table VI for "Ranking of School Districts by Student Failure Rates for Grades 1-8 Based on Gender of Students Using Three-Year Averages."

As confirmed in Table VI, the failure rates for male students in Jefferson and Orleans exceed the statewide average. Likewise, the failure rates for female students in Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany are above the statewide average, and Lafayette is an eyelash below.

(7) Jefferson, followed by Orleans and St. Tammany which are close together, is highest at 15.23% in the failure rate for white students enrolled in grades 1-8, whereas Caddo at 3.86% and Calcasieu at 7.11% are the lowest.

(8) Jefferson and St. Tammany, followed by Lafayette and New Orleans which are close together, are highest in the failure rates for minority (non-white) students at 21.14% and 18.58%, respectively, enrolled in grades 1-8, whereas Caddo at 8.92% and Calcasieu at 11.49% are the lowest.

See Table VII for "Comparison of Failure Rates by Ethnicity for Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages" and Table VIII for "Ranking of School Districts by Student Failure Rates Based on Ethnicity of Students Using Three-Year Averages."

FINDINGS - Continued

As confirmed in Table VIII, the failure rates for white students in Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany exceed the statewide average. Likewise, the failure rates for minority (non-white) students in Jefferson, St. Tammany, Lafayette and Orleans are above the statewide average.

Moreover, Table VIII provides a breakdown of the minority failure rate into the specific rates for blacks and the other minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics viewed collectively In particular, Jefferson has the highest failure rate for blacks and Orleans has the highest for the American Indians, Asians and Hispanics together. Similarly, as seen in Table VIII, the black failure rates in Jefferson, St. Tammany, Lafayette and Orleans are above the statewide average. Likewise, the collective failure rates for American Indians, Asians and Hispanics in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany are above the statewide average.

(9) Specifically, the most at-risk student in grades 1-8 of the eight major public school districts is the black male in Jefferson with a failure rate of 28.25%, followed by the black male in Orleans at 22.12%, Lafayette at 20.73% and St. Tammany at 20.47%. The second most at-risk student is the black female at 20.38% in Jefferson. Both the white male and female are most at-risk in Jefferson, at 18.74% and 11.60%, respectively, followed by Orleans and St. Tammany.

In Table IX, there is a "Comparison of Failure Rates by Gender and Ethnicity for Grades 1-8 Using Three-Year Averages."

See Table X-A for "Ranking of School Districts by Student Failure Rates for Grades 1-8 Based on Ethnicity of Male Students Using Three-Year Averages" and Table X-B for "Ranking of School Districts by Student Failure Rates for Grades 1-8 Based on Ethnicity of Female Students Using Three-Year Averages."

FINDINGS - Continued

As exhibited in the Table X-A, the failure rates for white males in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Tammany, Rapides and Lafayette exceed the statewide average. Likewise, the failure rates for black males in Jefferson, Orleans, Lafayette and St. Tammany are above the statewide average. Collectively, the same holds for the other minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany.

Similarly, as exhibited in Table V-B, the failure rates for white females in Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany exceed the statewide average. Likewise, the failure rates for black females in Jefferson, St. Tammany, Lafayette and Orleans are above the statewide average. Collectively, the same holds for the other minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics in Orleans and St. Tammany.

(10) Orleans has the single largest number of students, 9,405 in 1983-1984, who were not promoted in grades 1-8 during any year of this three-year study, while Jefferson has the single highest percentage of students who failed in any year with 19.55% in 1984-1985.

(11) Orleans has the single largest number of students, 1,733 in 1984-1985, who were not promoted from first grade during any year of this three-year study, while St. Tammany has the single highest percentage of students who failed first grade in any year with 23.62% in 1985-1986.

See Table XI for "Summary of the Annual Non-Promotions vs. Enrollment for Grades 1-8 During the School Years of 1983-1984 to 1985-1986" and companion Table XII for "Summary of the Annual Non-Promotions vs. Enrollment for First Grade During the School Years of 1983-1984 to 1985-1986." In keeping with current literature, note that the failure rates for first grade are usually greater, with some exceptions in this study, than the corresponding rates for grades 1-8.

CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the non-promotion of students enrolled in grades 1-8 of the top eight major public school districts of Louisiana is alarmingly excessive, collectively representing 47.2% of all the students who failed statewide while enrolling only 44.7% of all students statewide in grades 1-8 during the school years of 1983-1984 to 1985-1986. Such failure is worrisome -- compromising the future education and adulthood of the students. Simultaneously, it threatens the economic development potential of the parishes and communities in which they live. Failure must be corrected to enhance the future prosperity of the students and Louisiana.

Based on this first-ever comparative analysis of the eight major public school districts, which are Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafayette, Orleans, Rapides and St. Tammany, a new model is unveiled in this report to assess the relative adverseness of public elementary student failure on the economic development potential of the corresponding parish. The proposed model follows this Section on Conclusions. In short, the prototype reveals that the Jefferson and Orleans Public School Districts, then St. Tammany, are co-equal with the most adverse impact on their home parishes. In contrast, Calcasieu, followed by Rapides and Caddo within a short step of each other, has the least adverse impact on its home parish. Lafayette and East Baton Rouge are moderate in adverseness.

The collective adverseness of the Jefferson, Orleans, and St. Tammany Public School Districts on the present and future economic development potential of Metro New Orleans, as measured by the model presented, is indeed quite staggering. Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany, ranked third, first and seventh in elementary enrollment, comprise 20.8% of all students in grades 1-8 statewide -- and 28.9% of all elementary student failures statewide. This disporportionate percentage of failures over enrollment undermines the competitiveness of Metro New Orleans in the hunt for expansion, diversification, and attraction of commerce and industry. First grade failure is equally damaging.

CONCLUSIONS - Continued

Most disturbingly, elementary grade failures in Orleans and Jefferson, viewed as percentages of the statewide total, which are 15.17% and 10.45%, respectively, exceed the corresponding percentages, which are 10.54% and 7.20%, respectively, of the statewide total of students enrolled in grades 1-8. An acute excessiveness of student failure over student enrollment places Jefferson and Orleans Public School Districts at high risk for elementary students. None of the other six school districts so examined, using the previously described correlation, is in a similar state of risk.

A vivid "Comparison of Student Failures vs. Enrollment Share for Grades 1-8 as Percentage of Corresponding State Total Using Three-Year Averages" is in Table XIII, augmented by Table XIV with the "Ranking of School Districts by Student Failure and Enrollment Share for Grades 1-8 as Percentage of Corresponding State Total Using Three-Year Averages." Note the excessiveness of student failure in Jefferson and Orleans. St. Tammany is barely comfortable.

Of all students in grades 1-8 of the eight major public school districts, the black male in Jefferson is at greatest risk, followed by Orleans and St. Tammany. In contrast, the Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany Public School Districts are dissimilar in student enrollment size and composition -- but share an unexpected commonness in elementary student failure, as delineated by this comparative analysis.

In comparison with the other major population centers of Louisiana, the preponderance of elementary student failure in Jefferson and Orleans Public School Districts is foreboding and, coupled with St. Tammany, places a seriously inordinate drag on the economic development potential of Metro New Orleans.

PROPOSED MODEL TO ASSESS THE RELATIVE ADVERSENESS OF ELEMENTARY STUDENT FAILURE IN THE EIGHT MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF LOUISIANA ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THEIR HOME PARISHES

OVERVIEW

A new model is presented for assessing the adverseness of student failure in the elementary grades of a public school district on the economic development potential of its home parish and communities therein. Failure is treated as adverse, placing the student at risk in schooling . The critical, inescapable relationship between the quality of public elementary education, as gauged inversely by student failure, and attractive economic development potential is used to assess the relative impact of adverseness. Conveniently, in Louisiana, the boundaries of the governing parishes and school districts are coterminous (except for the City School Districts of Bogalusa and Monroe).

The prototype features ten categories of elementary student failure. Accordingly, the categories are entitled and defined as follows using Gr 1-8 for grades 1-8 and Gr 1 for first grade:

1.	Student Failures Gr 1-8:	Number of students not promoted
2.	Percent Failures Gr 1-8:	Percent of students not promoted
3.	Male Failures Gr 1-8:	Failure Rate for males
4.	Female Failures Gr 1-8:	Failure Rate for females
5.	White Failures Gr 1-8:	Failure Rate for whites
6.	Black Failures Gr 1-8:	Failure Rate for blacks
7.	Other Failures Gr 1-8:	Failure Rate for American Indians, Asians and Hispanics
8.	State Percent Gr 1-8:	School District's Share of Statewide Failures
9.	Student Failures Gr 1:	Number of students not promoted
10.	Percent Failures Gr 1:	Percent of students not promoted

For each category, a scale of 1 thru 8 (in whole numbers) is used to rank the school districts. A score of "1" is the most adverse, and a score of "8" is the least adverse. The sum of the

scores per category gives the magnitude of adverseness, which ranges from 10 to 80. A rating of 10 is most adverse, and a rating of 80 is least adverse.

Tied for most adverse with a rating of 18 are Jefferson and Orleans Public School Districts, shadowed by St. Tammany. Conversely, Calcasieu with a rating of 66, trailed closely by Rapides and Caddo within a short step of each other, is least adverse. East Baton Rouge and Lafayette are in between at moderately adverse.

Together, Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany share the dubious distinction of being the only major public school districts to hold the worst spot in one or more categories of the model. Jefferson is the pacesetter with 5 and is followed by Orleans with 4 and St. Tammany with 1.

PROPOSED MODEL TO ASSESS THE RELATIVE ADVERSENESS
OF ELEMENTARY STUDENT FAILURE IN THE
EIGHT MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF LOUISIANA ON THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THEIR HOME PARISHES*,+

Public School District	Student Failures Gr 1-8	Percent Failures Gr 1-8	Male Failures Gr 1-8	Female Failures Gr 1-8	White Failures Gr 1-8	Black Failures Gr 1-8	Other Failures Gr 1-8	State Percent Gr 1-8	Student Failures Gr 1	Percent Failures Gr 1	Rating
TABLE	II	II	VI	VI	VIII	VIII	VIII	XIV	IV	IV	
Caddo	4	8	8	8	8	8	7	4	2	3	60
Calcasieu	7	7	7	7	6	7	5	7	6	7	66
East Baton Rouge	3	6	6	6	7	6	6	3	4	8	55
Jefferson	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	18
Lafayette	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	7	5	46
Orleans	1	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	18
Rapides	8	5	5	5	4	5	8	8	8	6	62
St. Tammany	6	3	3	3	3	2	3	6	5	1	35

* Scale : Score of 1 to 8 using "1" as most adverse and "8" as least adverse per category.
Rating: Most adverse score is 10. Least adverse score is 80.

+ Legend: "Other" is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics.
"Gr" is abbreviation for grade(s).
"TABLE" gives Roman number of Table in this report used as source for each category.

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TABLE I

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMPARISON OF NON-PROMOTIONS VS. ENROLLMENT FOR GRADES 1-8
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT RANK+	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	STUDENT FAILURES	PERCENT FAILURE
Caddo	4	29,384	1,954	6.65
Calcasieu	5	21,078	1,765	8.37
East Baton Rouge	2	35,308	3,296	9.33
Jefferson	3	33,871	5,992	17.69
Lafayette	6	17,093	1,928	11.28
Orleans	1	51,558	8,694	16.85
Rapides	8	14,369	1,544	10.75
St. Tammany	7	16,316	1,899	11.64
State	-	490,241	57,325	11.69

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Rank of Public School Districts in descending order of total student registration

TABLE II

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY NON-PROMOTIONS AND ENROLLMENT FOR GRADES 1-8
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

RANK	SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STUDENT FAILURES	SCHOOL DISTRICT	PERCENT FAILURE
1	Orleans	51,558	Orleans	8,694	Jefferson	17.69
2	East Baton Rouge	35,308	Jefferson	5,992	Orleans	16.85
3	Jefferson	33,871	East Baton Rouge	3,296	St. Tammany	11.64
4	Caddo	29,384	Caddo	1,954	Lafayette	11.28
5	Calcasieu	21,078	Lafayette	1,928	Rapides	10.75
6	Lafayette	17,093	St. Tammany	1,899	East Baton Rouge	9.33
7	St. Tammany	16,316	Calcasieu	1,765	Calcasieu	8.37
8	Rapides	14,369	Rapides	1,544	Caddo	6.65
State		490,241		57,325		11.69

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

TABLE III

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMPARISON OF NON-PROMOTIONS VS. ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST GRADE
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-84 TO 1985-86*

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT RANK+	ENROLLMENT FIRST GRADE	STUDENT FAILURES	PERCENT FAILURE
Caddo	4	4,767	922	19.34
Calcasieu	5	3,131	497	15.87
East Baton Rouge	2	5,183	822	15.86
Jefferson	3	4,956	838	16.91
Lafayette	6	2,620	437	16.68
Orleans	1	8,242	1,673	20.30
Rapides	8	2,258	373	16.52
St. Tammany	7	2,497	532	21.31
State		73,908	12,514	16.93

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Rank of Public School Districts in descending order of total student enrollment

TABLE IV

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY NON-PROMOTIONS AND ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST GRADE
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

RANK	SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT FIRST GRADE	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STUDENT FAILURES	SCHOOL DISTRICT	PERCENT FAILURE
1	Orleans	8,242	Orleans	1,673	St. Tammany	21.31
2	East Baton Rouge	5,183	Caddo	922	Orleans	20.30
3	Jefferson	4,956	Jefferson	838	Caddo	19.34
4	Caddo	4,767	East Baton Rouge	822	Jefferson	16.91
5	Calcasieu	3,131	St. Tammany	532	Lafayette	16.68
6	Lafayette	2,620	Calcasieu	497	Rapides	16.52
7	St. Tammany	2,497	Lafayette	437	Calcasieu	15.87
8	Rapides	2,258	Rapides	373	East Baton Rouge	15.86
State		73,908		12,514		16.93

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

TABLE V - A

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

FAILURE RATES OF MALE STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY IN GRADES 1-8
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	ENROLLMENT MALES 1-8	MALE FAILURES	PERCENT MALE FAILURE RATES ALL	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER+
Caddo	29,384	14,824	1,201	8.10	4.97	10.83	3.08
Calcasieu	21,078	10,978	1,140	10.38	8.73	14.57	6.12
East Baton Rouge	35,308	18,193	2,093	11.50	6.54	16.40	4.46
Jefferson	33,871	17,163	3,635	21.16	18.74	28.25	12.69
Lafayette	17,093	8,803	1,176	13.36	10.33	20.73	6.25
Orleans	51,558	26,289	5,477	20.83	13.38	22.12	14.32
Rapides	14,369	7,285	961	13.19	10.64	17.59	1.47
St. Tammany	16,316	8,496	1,159	13.64	12.37	20.47	12.12
State	490,241	252,596	35,777	14.16	10.82	18.86	11.65

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE V - B

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

FAILURE RATES OF FEMALE STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY IN GRADES 1-8
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	ENROLLMENT FEMALES 1-8	FEMALE FAILURES	PERCENT FEMALE FAILURE RATES ALL	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER+
Caddo	29,384	14,558	752	5.17	2.72	7.17	4.24
Calcasieu	21,078	10,100	624	6.18	5.36	8.35	1.85
East Baton Rouge	35,308	17,114	1,202	7.02	3.64	10.06	3.10
Jefferson	33,871	16,707	2,356	14.10	11.60	20.38	7.53
Lafayette	17,093	8,290	751	9.06	6.30	15.54	4.39
Orleans	51,558	25,269	3,217	12.73	8.25	13.38	10.13
Rapides	14,369	7,084	585	8.26	6.13	11.36	1.41
St. Tammany	16,316	7,821	740	9.46	8.12	17.44	7.94
State	490,241	237,645	21,548	9.07	6.51	12.44	7.69

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE VI

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY STUDENT FAILURE RATES FOR GRADES 1-8
BASED ON GENDER OF STUDENTS
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 to 1985-1986*

RANK	SCHOOL DISTRICT	MALE FAILURE (%)	SCHOOL DISTRICT	FEMALE FAILURE (%)
1	Jefferson	21.16	Jefferson	14.10
2	Orleans	20.83	Orleans	12.73
3	St. Tammany	13.64	St. Tammany	9.46
4	Lafayette	13.36	Lafayette	9.06
5	Rapides	13.19	Rapides	8.26
6	East Baton Rouge	11.50	East Baton Rouge	7.02
7	Calcasieu	10.38	Calcasieu	6.18
8	Caddo	8.10	Caddo	5.17
State		14.16		9.07

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

TABLE VII

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMPARISON OF FAILURE RATES BY ETHNICITY FOR GRADES 1-8
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT WHITE 1-8	ENROLLMENT MINORITY 1-8+	ENROLLMENT BLACK 1-8	ENROLLMENT OTHER 1-8++	WHITE FAILURE	MINORITY+ FAILURE	BLACK FAILURE	OTHER++ FAILURE
Caddo	13,202	16,180	15,932	248	3.86	8.92	9.00	3.63
Calcasieu	15,020	6,058	5,955	103	7.11	11.49	11.62	3.88
East BR	16,395	18,912	18,254	658	5.17	12.94	13.27	3.90
Jefferson	19,717	14,154	10,980	3,174	15.23	21.14	24.28	10.27
Lafayette	11,719	5,374	5,116	258	8.38	17.58	18.20	5.43
Orleans	4,499	47,059	44,199	2,860	10.96	17.45	17.79	12.34
Rapides	8,509	5,860	5,721	139	8.49	14.86	14.39	0.63
St. Tammany	13,514	2,788	2,659	129	10.34	18.58	18.99	10.08
State	271,957	218,284	205,759	12,525	8.76	15.36	15.70	9.78

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Minority is used collectively for American Indians, Asians, Blacks and Hispanics
++Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE VIII

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY FAILURE RATES FOR GRADES 1-8
BASED ON ETHNICITY OF STUDENTS
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS 1983-1984 to 1985-1986*

RANK	SCHOOL DISTRICT	WHITE FAILURE (%)	SCHOOL DISTRICT	MINORITY+ FAILURE (%)	SCHOOL DISTRICT	BLACK FAILURE (%)	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER++ FAILURE (%)
1	Jefferson	15.23	Jefferson	21.14	Jefferson	24.28	Orleans	12.34
2	Orleans	10.96	St. Tammany	18.58	St. Tammany	18.99	Jefferson	10.27
3	St. Tammany	10.34	Lafayette	17.58	Lafayette	18.20	St. Tammany	10.08
4	Rapides	8.49	Orleans	17.45	Orleans	17.79	Lafayette	5.43
5	Lafayette	8.38	Rapides	14.06	Rapides	14.39	Calcasieu	3.88
6	Calcasieu	7.11	East BR	12.94	East BR	13.27	East BR	3.80
7	East BR	5.17	Calcasieu	11.49	Calcasieu	11.62	Caddo	3.63
8	Caddo	3.86	Caddo	8.92	Caddo	9.00	Rapides	0.63
State		8.76		15.36		15.70		9.78

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Minority is used collectively for American Indians, Asians, Blacks and Hispanics
++Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE IX

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRCTS

COMPARISON OF FAILURE RATES BY GENDER AND ETHNICITY FOR GRADES 1-8
USING THREE YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1984-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ALL STUDENTS		WHITE STUDENTS		BLACK STUDENTS		OTHER STUDENTS	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Caddo	8.10	5.17	4.97	2.72	10.83	7.17	3.08	4.24
Calcasieu	10.38	6.18	8.73	5.36	14.57	8.35	6.12	1.85
East Baton Rouge	11.50	7.02	6.54	3.64	16.40	10.06	4.46	3.10
Jefferson	21.16	14.10	18.74	11.60	28.25	20.38	12.69	7.53
Lafayette	13.36	9.06	10.33	6.30	20.73	15.54	6.25	4.39
Orleans	20.83	12.73	13.38	8.25	22.12	13.38	14.32	10.13
Rapides	13.19	8.26	10.64	6.13	17.59	11.36	1.47	1.41
St. Tammany	13.67	9.67	12.37	8.12	20.47	17.44	12.12	7.94
State	14.16	9.07	10.82	6.51	18.86	12.44	11.65	7.69

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE X - A

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY STUDENT FAILURE RATES FOR GRADES 1-8
BASED ON ETHNICITY OF MALE STUDENTS
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

RANK	MALE/WHITE		MALE/BLACK		MALE/OTHER+	
	DISTRICT	PERCENT	DISTRICT	PERCENT	DISTRICT	PERCENT
1	Jefferson	18.74	Jefferson	28.25	Orleans	14.32
2	Orleans	13.38	Orleans	22.12	Jefferson	12.69
3	St. Tammany	12.37	Lafayette	20.73	St. Tammany	12.12
4	Rapides	10.64	St. Tammany	20.47	Lafayette	6.25
5	Lafayette	10.33	Rapides	17.59	Calcasieu	6.12
6	Calcasieu	8.73	East Baton Rouge	16.40	East Baton Rouge	4.46
7	East Baton Rouge	6.54	Calcasieu	14.57	Caddo	3.08
8	Caddo	4.97	Caddo	10.83	Rapides	1.47
State		9.07		18.86		11.65

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE X - B

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY STUDENT FAILURE RATES FOR GRADES 1-8
BASED ON ETHNICITY OF FEMALE STUDENTS
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

RANK	FEMALE/WHITE		FEMALE/BLACK		FEMALE/OTHER+	
	DISTRICT	PERCENT	DISTRICT	PERCENT	DISTRICT	PERCENT
1	Jefferson	11.60	Jefferson	20.38	Orleans	10.13
2	Orleans	8.25	St. Tammany	17.44	St. Tammany	7.94
3	St. Tammany	8.12	Lafayette	15.54	Jefferson	7.53
4	Lafayette	6.30	Orleans	13.38	Lafayette	4.39
5	Rapides	6.13	Rapides	11.36	Caddo	4.24
6	Calcasieu	5.36	East Baton Rouge	10.06	East Baton Rouge	3.10
7	East Baton Rouge	3.64	Calcasieu	8.35	Calcasieu	1.85
8	Caddo	2.72	Caddo	7.17	Rapides	1.41
State		6.51		12.44		7.69

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

TABLE XI

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL NON-PROMOTIONS VS. ENROLLMENT FOR GRADES 1-8
DURING THE SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	1985-1986 ENROLLMENT	FAILURES	%F	1984-1985 ENROLLMENT	FAILURES	%F	1983-1984 ENROLLMENT	FAILURES	%F
Caddo	29,815	2,626	8.81	29,763	1,849	6.21	28,573	1,388	4.85
Calcasieu	20,775	1,872	9.01	21,023	1,737	8.26	21,436	1,685	7.86
East Baton Rouge	35,224	3,184	9.03	35,162	3,393	9.65	35,538	3,310	9.31
Jefferson	34,502	6,407	18.57	33,992	6,647	19.55	33,120	4,921	14.86
Lafayette	17,007	2,083	12.25	17,065	1,938	11.36	17,207	1,762	10.24
Orleans	52,309	7,671	14.66	51,468	9,007	17.50	50,897	9,405	18.48
Rapides	14,522	1,619	11.15	14,405	1,359	9.43	14,180	1,655	11.67
St. Tammany	16,974	2,021	11.91	16,191	2,107	13.01	15,784	1,570	9.95
State	491,176	56,326	11.47	490,567	60,044	12.24	488,981	55,606	11.37

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

TABLE XII

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL NON-PROMOTIONS VS. ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST GRADE
DURING THE SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	1985-1986 ENROLLMENT	FAILURES	%F	1984-1985 ENROLLMENT	FAILURES	%F	1983-1984 ENROLLMENT	FAILURES	%F
Caddo	4,719	908	19.24	4,810	903	18.77	4,771	956	20.04
Calcasieu	3,225	546	16.93	3,050	479	15.70	3,117	456	14.63
East Baton Rouge	5,349	930	17.39	5,121	783	15.29	5,080	752	14.80
Jefferson	5,160	865	16.76	4,846	890	18.37	4,863	760	15.63
Lafayette	2,614	434	16.60	2,634	447	16.97	2,613	429	16.42
Orleans	8,349	1,626	19.48	8,295	1,733	20.89	8,083	1,659	20.52
Rapides	2,247	355	15.80	2,258	351	15.54	2,269	412	18.16
St. Tammany	2,692	636	23.62	2,454	522	21.27	2,345	439	18.72
State	74,703	12,346	16.53	73,408	12,888	17.56	73,614	12,309	16.72

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

TABLE XIII

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMPARISON OF STUDENT FAILURES VS. ENROLLMENT SHARE FOR GRADES 1-8
AS PERCENTAGE OF CORRESPONDING STATE TOTAL
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	PERCENTAGE OF STATE	STUDENT FAILURES	PERCENTAGE OF STATE
Caddo	29,384	5.99	1,954	3.41
Calcasieu	21,078	4.30	1,765	3.08
East Baton Rouge	35,308	7.20	3,296	5.75
Jefferson	33,871	6.91	5,992	10.45
Lafayette	17,093	3.49	1,928	3.36
Orleans	51,558	10.52	8,694	15.17
Rapides	14,369	2.93	1,544	2.69
St. Tammany	16,316	3.33	1,899	3.31
State	490,241	100.00	57,325	100.00

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

TABLE XIV

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RANKING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY STUDENT FAILURES AND ENROLLMENT SHARE FOR GRADES 1-8
AS PERCENTAGE OF CORRESPONDING STATE TOTAL
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

RANK	ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF STATE		STUDENT FAILURES AS PERCENTAGE OF STATE	
	DISTRICT	PERCENT	DISTRICT	PERCENT
1	Orleans	10.52	Orleans	15.17
2	East Baton Rouge	7.20	Jefferson	10.45
3	Jefferson	6.91	East Baton Rouge	5.75
4	Caddo	5.99	Caddo	3.41
5	Calcasieu	4.30	Lafayette	3.36
6	Lafayette	3.49	St. Tammany	3.31
7	St. Tammany	3.33	Calcasieu	3.08
8	Rapides	2.93	Rapides	2.69

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education

APPENDIX

STATE OF LOUISIANA: MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

BREAKDOWN OF ENROLLMENT BY GENDER AND ETHNICITY FOR GRADES 1-8
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	PERCENT MALE STUDENTS				PERCENT FEMALE STUDENTS			
		WHITE	BLACK	OTHER+	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER+	TOTAL
Caddo	29,384	22.89	27.12	0.44	50.45	22.04	27.10	0.40	49.54
Calcasieu	21,078	37.01	14.84	0.23	52.08	34.25	13.41	0.25	47.91
East Baton Rouge	35,308	24.43	26.15	0.95	51.53	22.00	25.55	0.91	48.46
Jefferson	33,871	29.62	16.08	4.98	50.68	28.59	16.34	4.39	49.32
Lafayette	17,093	35.33	15.33	0.84	51.50	33.23	14.60	0.67	48.50
Orleans	51,558	4.61	43.43	2.92	50.96	4.11	42.25	2.62	48.98
Rapides	14,369	30.93	19.23	0.47	50.63	28.28	20.52	0.50	49.30
St. Tammany	16,316	43.22	8.36	0.40	51.98	39.61	7.94	0.38	47.93
State	490,241	28.80	21.28	1.35	51.43	26.57	20.61	1.20	48.38

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education - Annual Statistical Report of Education
+Other is Minorities of American Indians, Asians and Hispanics

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ADDENDUM

STATE OF LOUISIANA: OTHER MAJOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

COMPARISON OF NON-PROMOTIONS VS. ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST AND GRADES 1-8*
USING THREE-YEAR AVERAGES FOR
SCHOOL YEARS OF 1983-1984 TO 1985-1986

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT RANK+	ENROLLMENT GRADES 1-8	STUDENT FAILURES	PERCENT FAILURES	ENROLLMENT FIRST GRADE	STUDENT FAILURES	PERCENT FAILURE
Bossier	10	11,903	478	4.02	1,659	132	7.96
Ouachita	12	10,653	1,072	10.06	1,498	173	11.56
St. Landry	11	14,474	2,649	18.30	1,562	270	17.26
Terrebonne	9	13,139	1,195	9.10	2,014	338	16.78
Monroe	20	7,369	1,341	18.20	1,128	164	14.54
State	-	490,241	57,325	11.67	73,908	12,514	16.93

*Source: Louisiana State Department of Education
+Rank of Public School Districts in descending order of total student registration